

NOTICES OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENING

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires the publication of Notices of Rulemaking Docket Opening when an agency opens a rulemaking docket to consider rulemaking. Under the APA effective January 1, 1995, agencies must submit a Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening before beginning the formal rulemaking process.

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENING CORPORATION COMMISSION FIXED UTILITIES

Editor's Note: The following Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is exempt from Laws 2009, 3rd Special Session, Ch. 7, § 28. (See the text of § 28 on page 139.)

[R09-146]

- 1. Title and its heading:** 14, Public Service Corporations; Corporations and Associations; Securities Regulation
Chapter and its heading: 2, Corporation Commission – Fixed Utilities
Article and its heading: 24, Electric Energy Efficiency Standards
Section numbers: R14-2-2401, R14-2-2402, R14-2-2403, R14-2-2404, R14-2-2405, R14-2-2406, R14-2-2407, R14-2-2408, R14-2-2409, R14-2-2410, R14-2-2411, R14-2-2412, R14-2-241, R14-2-2414, R14-2-2415, R14-2-2416, R14-2-2417, R14-2-2418

- 2. The subject matter of the proposed rule:**
The purpose of Electric Energy Efficiency Standards is for affected utilities to achieve energy savings through cost-effective energy efficiency programs in order to ensure reliable electric service at reasonable rates and costs. Energy efficiency means the production or delivery of an equivalent level and quality of end-use electric service using less energy, or the conservation of energy by end-use customers. Cost-effective energy efficiency is less expensive than generating electricity and provides less impact on the environment. By December 31, 2020, the rules would require affected utilities to achieve cumulative annual energy savings, measured in kilowatt-hours, equivalent to at least 22 percent of the affected utility's retail electric energy sales for the prior calendar year (2019).

The agency docket number, if applicable:
RE-00000C-09-0427

- 3. A citation to all published notices relating to the proceeding:**
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: 16 A.A.R. 90, January 15, 2010 (*in this issue*)

- 4. The name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rule:**

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- 5. The time during which the agency will accept written comments and the time and place where oral comments may be made:**

Public comment will be held on March 5, 2010, beginning at 10:00 a.m. or as soon as practicable thereafter, in Hearing Room 1 at the Commission's Phoenix offices of the Arizona Corporation Commission located at 1200 W. Wash-

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ington St., Phoenix, AZ 85007. Hearing requests initial written comments be received on or before February 16, 2010 and responsive comments be received on or before February 23, 2010. Comments should be submitted to Docket Control at the above address. Please reference docket number RE-00000C-09-0427 on all documents. Oral comments may be provided at the proceeding to be held on March 5, 2010.

6. A timetable for agency decisions or other action on the proceeding, if known:

The Commission will likely bring this to Open Meeting for final approval in late-spring or early summer, 2010.

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